

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims replaces all previous listings, and versions, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently amended) A method of ~~treating~~ applying ultrasonic energy to cardiac tissue comprising:

providing a catheter having an ultrasonic transducer and a structural balloon, ~~[[a]] the structural balloon including~~ sandwiched between first and second reflective balloons to form a first reflective interface at an interface between the structural balloon and the first reflective balloon and a second reflective interface at an interface between the structural balloon and the second reflective balloon, the second reflective interface spaced apart from and directed towards the first reflective interface so as to form a window ~~between the first and second reflective surfaces therebetween~~;

inserting the catheter in ~~the left atrium of the~~ a heart of a mammalian subject and inflating the structural balloon and the first and second reflective balloons so that ~~such that the device is in an operative configuration having~~ the window is aligned with a preselected region of cardiac tissue; and

~~while the ablation device is in said operative configuration, injecting a contrast medium into the subject on the distal side of said ablation device and obtaining one or more images depicting the position of the catheter; and~~

actuating the ultrasonic transducer to emit ultrasonic energy, the first and second reflective ~~surfaces~~ interfaces directing the ultrasonic energy through the window and into the preselected region of the cardiac tissue.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 7 ~~wherein said~~ further comprising injecting a contrast medium, wherein the contrast medium is an x-ray contrast medium and said step of obtaining said images is performed by x-ray imaging.

10. (Currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 7 ~~wherein said steps of further comprising injecting a contrast medium, and obtaining images are performed so that said images show wherein the contrast medium in the~~ is injected into an atrium of the heart.

11-82. (Canceled)

83. (Currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 10 wherein the step of injecting contrast medium ~~into the subject~~ includes injecting the medium so that the medium advances forwardly.

84. (Currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 83 further comprising the step of maintaining the ~~ablation device~~ catheter at least partially abutting a cardiac wall during the step of injecting the contrast medium.

85. (Currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 84 wherein the step of ~~acquiring images~~ injecting a contrast medium includes ~~acquiring~~ obtaining one or more images while the catheter abuts the cardiac wall.

86. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 84 further comprising the step of retracting the catheter away from the cardiac wall after injecting the contrast medium.

87. (Currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 86 wherein the step of ~~obtaining images~~ injecting a contrast medium includes obtaining one or more images after retracting the catheter.

88. (Canceled)

89. (Currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 7 further comprising ~~10 wherein the step of providing the catheter in an operative condition includes inflating at least one balloon within the atrium and the step of introducing~~ injecting a contrast medium is performed so that the ~~contrast medium is disposed~~ outside of the ~~at least one~~ structural balloon.

90. (Currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 89 wherein the catheter ~~in its operative condition~~ has a central axis ~~extending in the proximal and distal directions~~, and the step of ~~introducing the~~ injecting a contrast medium includes introducing the contrast medium through a port in a wall of the structural balloon adjacent the central axis.

91. (Currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 89 wherein the catheter ~~in its operative condition~~ has a central axis ~~extending in the proximal and distal directions~~, and the step of ~~introducing the~~ injecting a contrast medium includes introducing the contrast medium through an outlet port of a tubular stylet communicating with the atrium adjacent the central axis.

92. (Currently amended) A method as claimed in claim ~~10 wherein the step of~~ 7 further comprising injecting a contrast medium ~~is performed so that the contrast medium is injected only~~ on ~~[[the]]~~ a distal side of the catheter.

93. (Currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 7 wherein providing a catheter comprises providing ~~[[a]]~~ the catheter in which the first and second reflective ~~surfaces~~ interfaces converge towards one another.